



Citizens' Update VII

Seventh Reporting Period Highlights

January 1 – March 31, 2011

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Recovery Act Impact on Massachusetts

As of March 31, 2011

- **\$7.38 billion in awards** to state agencies
- **92% - \$6.80 billion** of awards **committed** by state agencies
- **89% - \$6.08 billion** of committed awards **spent** by state agencies, including **\$1.25 billion spent on 141 fully completed projects and programs¹**
 - **\$4.10 billion spent** on direct benefits (Unemployment Insurance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, and other Safety Net Programs)
 - **\$1.97 billion spent** on programs and infrastructure projects through state agencies
- **7,502 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs** funded by ARRA reported to the federal government between January 1 and March 31, 2011 with an additional 411 FTEs not subject to federal reporting, for a total of **7,914 FTEs for the quarter**
- **19,076** actual individual workers reflected in this quarter's funded FTE count
- **9,538²** estimated indirect jobs created or retained
- **28,614** estimated total employment impact (19,069 direct and 9,535 indirect)
- **Over 76,900 individuals** received an ARRA funded paycheck between February 17, 2009 and March 31, 2011.

¹ For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery

² Using a multiplier of 1.5



Program and Project Highlights – Through March 31, 2011

Over the past quarter, many projects and programs have been completed or have made significant progress. The following are some highlights from Recovery Act projects through March 31, 2011. For more information on individual projects and programs, and to see stories from the past two years of economic recovery in Massachusetts, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery

- As of March 31, school districts and public institutions of higher learning had spent over \$900 million, or 91% of the state's total allocation of State Fiscal Stabilization funding. This money has stabilized our public education system, and continues to directly support educators and staff, and ensure that students have continued access to high-quality educational services. Governor Patrick's strategic allocation of this funding, in addition to increases in state appropriations, prevented what could have been catastrophic cuts to public education in Massachusetts.
- There are currently 110 Clean Water and Drinking Water Treatment facility projects—which include sewage treatment plants, water storage tanks, and other water systems—underway. Fourteen projects have been completed, including 4 solar photovoltaic installations. The Commonwealth has leveraged ARRA funding to finance \$770 million in construction contracts, the highest of any state in the country. This level of spending is expected to create or retain up to 4,000 jobs by the end of the program.
- Across the Commonwealth, 39 transportation projects totaling over \$90.3 million, are fully completed. These include \$5 million in resurfacing on Route 6 in Westport; \$4.3 million worth of resurfacing on Route 2 in Concord, and \$5.1 million of resurfacing on Route 9 in Belchertown and Ware.
- The Town of Dennis installed a 17 kW solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the Dennis Police Station. The project, completed in October 2010, was funded by a \$77,423 ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and a Renewable Energy Trust – Clean Energy Choice grant of \$23,777.
- The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for Government Services continued to support 61 firefighters in more than 40 municipalities across the Commonwealth.
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding supported 37 police officers this quarter. The Town of Chester for example was able to increase patrol and visibility time, resulting in increased traffic enforcement, crime investigations and emergency responses. With ARRA funding, Chester police have also been able to maintain regular well-being checks on elderly residents.
- The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP grants supported 23 positions this quarter, including prosecutors, domestic violence/sexual assault officers and civilian/victim witness advocates. The ARRA-



funded staff provided specialized services such as victim advocacy, safety planning, investigations and prosecutions on behalf of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

- The Heritage Common Apartments, a 140-unit complex in Lawrence, received \$851,500 worth of heating and insulation upgrades under the ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program Expiring Use/Preservation Initiative Project. In addition, an additional \$2.1 million was leveraged for windows, lighting, and other improvements. Energy savings through these upgrades should allow residents, who pay their own utility bills, to save an estimated 35% (or approximately \$560 per household annually) on their energy costs. This project also received a commendation from the U.S. Department of Energy for the state's "Ability to partner to maximize leveraged funds to greatest impact."
- The ARRA-funded project at the New Bedford State Pier was completed at the end of December 2010. The project including installing a concrete dock, secure fencing, and other security measures. The facility will be used as a secure docking point for state and city police patrol vessels, including the Massachusetts Environmental Police. This will increase maritime security and drastically improve response times in and around the Port of New Bedford.
- The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) is using ARRA funds to support 11 Independent Living Centers (ILCs). These projects are a mix of direct client services, outreach efforts, and technological infrastructure improvements designed to increase each ILC's capacity to serve individuals with disabilities across Massachusetts. Some examples of specific project accomplishments include:
 - The Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann (ILCNSCA) continues to utilize ARRA funds in development of its All Persons Accessible Business (APAB) project. The project's goal is to work together with the area community and businesses to increase accessibility to local businesses. ILNSCA recently completed a project website, www.apabnsca.org, which is now operational and available to the public. This site describes the APAB project and promotes Americans with Disabilities Act compliance by area businesses.
 - The Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL) continues to utilize its ARRA funding for outreach to unserved and underserved populations. The current focus is on outreach to Haitian-Americans and Spanish-speaking individuals. There is also a concurrent focus on individuals with disabilities seeking services so they can remain in the community and not have to go into a nursing home.
 - Stavros Center for Independent Living in Amherst continues to develop a Home Modification program through partnering with a small group of contractors to provide construction services for individuals with disabilities seeking to make their homes more accessible. The Center will provide assessments, design service, and coordinate actual construction.



The Whole Picture – Where your Recovery Dollars are Going

(Cumulative through March 31, 2011)

Note: This table shows a summary of all Recovery Dollars data Massachusetts has collected from state agencies. Information reported to the federal government is shaded in light green. All numbers are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.³ For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

Funding Category	Awarded to State Agencies	Total Committed	Expended
Awards Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government			
Education	2,012,445,000	1,787,436,000	1,346,205,000
Clean Energy & Environment	237,419,000	209,240,000	133,746,000
Housing	115,590,000	114,509,000	94,557,000
Workforce Programs	77,349,000	75,988,000	63,364,000
Public Safety & Homeland Security	42,635,000	38,553,000	36,065,000
Transportation	395,357,000	376,573,000	238,923,000
Safety Net Programs	22,410,000	18,836,000	14,329,000
Technology & Research	90,494,000	55,399,000	46,901,000
Subtotal	2,993,699,000	2,676,534,000	1,974,090,000
Awards Not Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government			
Accountability	12,900,000	9,530,000	8,090,000
Clean Energy & Environment	7,411,000	6,709,000	6,709,000
Housing	110,346,000	109,139,000	88,129,000
Safety Net Programs	4,257,966,000	4,004,411,000	3,999,531,000
Technology & Research	193,000	199,000	191,000
Subtotal	4,388,815,000	4,129,988,000	4,102,650,000
Grand Total	7,382,514,000	6,806,523,000	6,076,740,000

³ Totals may not be exact due to rounding. For exact figures, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.



The Whole Picture – April 2011 Reporting Period Jobs Impact (January 1 through March 31, 2011)

Note: This table shows a summary of Recovery Act jobs data Massachusetts has collected through state agencies during the most recent reporting cycle. Information reported to the federal government is shaded in light green. FTEs are rounded to the nearest whole number⁴. For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

Funding Category	Direct Full Time Equivalent Count (FTEs)	Actual Worker Count
Awards Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government		
Education	6,268	12,085
Clean Energy & Environment	494	2,447
Housing	171	858
Workforce Programs	138	951
Public Safety & Homeland Security	71	261
Transportation	81	424
Safety Net Programs	106	289
Technology & Research	174	503
Subtotal	7,502	17,818
Awards Not Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government		
Accountability	43	81
Clean Energy & Environment	31	38
Housing	265	888
Safety Net Programs	72	249
Technology & Research	1	2
Subtotal	412	1,258
Grand Total	7,914	19,076
FMAP Impact on State Government Jobs*		3,800*

* As previously reported in the first reporting period, this number represents the overall state agency job retentions based on an increase of Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) state fiscal relief funding under ARRA.

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Detail on ARRA FTEs and Headcounts – April 2011 Report

Note: All FTE values are rounded to the nearest whole number.⁵ For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

Awards Subject to 1512 Reporting to Federal Government

Secretariat	Direct Full-Time Equivalent Count (FTEs)					Actual Worker Count		
	Total	Created	Retained	Govt.	Non-Govt.	Total	Created	Retained
Attorney General	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	3
Administration & Finance	42	27	16	18	24	168	71	97
District Attorneys	12	3	9	12		30	4	26
Education	6,218	1,246	4,972	6,021	197	11,657	2,176	9,481
Housing & Economic Development	459	179	279	17	442	2,219	854	1,365
Health & Human Services	101	60	41	57	45	289	122	167
Labor & Workforce	134	43	91	30	104	938	213	725
Energy and Environment	124	41	83	34	90	821	140	681
Public Safety & Security	119	44	75	116	3	677	72	605
County Sheriffs	3		3	3		8		8
Transportation	81	46	35	38	43	424	163	261
Trial Court	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
University of Massachusetts	207	0	207	182	25	583	0	583
Subtotal	7,502	1,689	5,813	6,528	974	17,818	3,815	14,003

Awards Not Subject to 1512 Reporting to Federal Government

Secretariat/Department	Direct Full-Time Equivalent Count (FTEs)					Actual Worker Count		
	Total	Created	Retained	Govt.	Non-Govt.	Total	Created	Retained
Auditor	4	0	4	4	0	36	0	36
Attorney General	6	0	6	6	0	7	0	7
Administration & Finance	21	8	13	21	1	24	9	15
Housing & Economic Development	265	50	215	0	265	888	175	713
Labor & Workforce	72	35	37	60	12	249	43	206
Energy and Environment	32	1	31	32		39	1	38
Office of the Comptroller	3	1	2	3	0	3	1	2
Office of the Inspector General	9	8	1	9	0	10	8	2
University of Massachusetts	1	0	1	1		7	0	7
Subtotal	412	103	309	134	278	1,258	237	1,021
Grand Total	7,914	1,792	6,122	6,662	1,252	19,076	4,052	15,024

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Beneficiaries

This narrative provides the details of various ARRA program awards that are having a real impact on our citizens every day – over and above the jobs that have been created by Recovery dollars. While many of these initiatives are ones that have existed for several years, the injection of ARRA funds has allowed for the continuation and even expansion of these programs during these hard economic times. The beneficiaries listed below represent citizens across the Commonwealth from neighborhoods in every city and town. The numbers shown are an estimate by each state agency of the beneficiaries impacted so far because of the additional ARRA funds going into these programs. For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

Administration and Finance

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
Impact on Child Support Incentives (Federal Match) Program run by the Child Support Enforcement Division, within the Department of Revenue, currently services in excess of 200,000 child-support cases.	Over 200,000

Health and Human Services

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
Congregate Meals Grant helps provide fresh meals on a statewide basis through a network of 23 community based local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which provide a wide range of services to elders and their families. (Completed December 2010).	13,969
Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) allows Massachusetts to avoid what would have been even deeper cuts throughout state government. A large portion of these dollars went toward the maintenance of the MassHealth program to preserve critical medical services to over 1.2 million recipients.	Over 1,200,000
Home Delivered Nutrition Services helps elders with nutritional needs to become or remain healthy, independent, and active in their communities. (Completed December 2010).	4,228
Vocational Rehabilitation Services – ARRA funds are used by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to support a number of projects designed to assist individuals with disabilities.	2,085
Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Program handled an unprecedented 30% increase in enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps). Beginning in April 2009, benefit amounts rose by 18% due to federal stimulus funding (resulting in a sizable monthly increase for most families). (Completed December 2010).	770,000
Infants and Families with Disabilities (IDEA) benefits infants and toddlers through age 3 who have or are at risk for developmental delays. (Completed September 2010).	8,098



Housing

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
<p>Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure improvements and public housing modernization awarded to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses.</p> <p>Tax Credit Assistance Program supports Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects that were stalled due to unfavorable financial market conditions.</p> <p>Community Services Block Grants provided assistance to local communities, working through a network of 24 Action Agencies to reduce poverty, revitalize low income communities, and empower low income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient. (Completed September 2010).</p> <p>Weatherization Assistance Program aims to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings occupied by low income persons, reduce their total home energy expenses, and improve their overall health and safety. The program targets particularly vulnerable people such as the elderly, the disabled and low income families with children.</p> <p>Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program provides services to individuals or families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including re-housing assistance, eviction prevention services, and subsidies to help families and individuals move out of shelters and motels.</p>	<p>Community-wide</p> <p>Future residents of housing projects underway 63,812</p> <p>Over 11,000 families living in weatherized housing units</p> <p>8,161</p>

Labor and Workforce Development

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
<p>Federal Additional Unemployment Compensation has allowed over 660,000 individuals from across the Commonwealth to receive an additional \$25 per week benefit compensation as a result of the Recovery Act. (Completed December 2010).</p> <p>WIA Recovery Act Title 1 Services for Adult, Dislocated and Youth Workers funds directly benefit low-income individuals of the Commonwealth who qualify under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and received employment and training services. Qualified youth received employment opportunities.</p> <p>Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Services benefits employed and unemployed workers seeking to upgrade their skills and obtain jobs, and provides customized services to clients with special needs, including veterans, individuals with disabilities, and unemployment claimants likely to exhaust their benefits.</p>	<p>663,773</p> <p>17,998</p> <p>147,246</p>

Public Safety

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
<p>State Fiscal Stabilization Fund – Government Services funds were expended to support Massachusetts municipal fire departments impacted by budget cuts that have forced layoffs and also vacancies resulting from attrition. Awards through this program have allowed the Commonwealth to retain 263 firefighters in 85 municipalities.</p>	<p>263 firefighters, benefiting residents of 85 cities & towns</p>



Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
<p>Internet Crimes Against Children The Massachusetts State Police Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force is using ARRA funds to investigate and prosecute cyber crimes against children. So far, with this funding, the ICAC Task Force has investigated nearly 275 cases resulting in 24 arrests. The ICAC Task Force and affiliated agencies also provided training for over 500 law enforcement officers and other professionals and spearheaded public awareness events designed to protect children by promoting awareness of internet safety, cyberbullying, and sexting.</p> <p>Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds are supporting municipal police staffs, employment initiatives and jobs for youth, and maintaining vital services in state public safety agencies. In each of these initiatives, the focus has been on preserving or creating jobs crucial to sustaining and enhancing public safety. More than \$6 million in JAG funds have been awarded to 35 cities and towns to support police departments' re-hiring laid off officers, hiring of new officers, and supporting overtime and other personnel costs.</p> <p>The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Grants enhance services and advocacy to victims, improve the criminal justice system's response and promote effective law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.</p>	<p>Community-Wide</p> <p>72 full-time equivalent police officers per quarter</p> <p>15,930 victims who received assistance</p>

Education

Program Description	Beneficiaries
<p>Race to the Top – Massachusetts received the top score on its application for funds from the US Department of Education's Race to the Top competition. The initiatives in Massachusetts' application were driven by the core belief that the persistent variation in student outcomes stems from both discrepancies in the quality of curriculum and instruction, and unrelated out-of-school circumstances that can affect a student's ability to learn. Each element in our proposal is designed to reduce this variation by focusing on improving the quality of teaching and learning each student receives and on providing students and families with the health and human service supports they require. Overall, we aim to achieve four objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attract, develop, and retain an effective, academically capable, diverse, and culturally competent educator workforce to ensure every student is taught by a great teacher and every school and district is led by a great leader 2. Provide curricular and instructional resources to provide every educator with the tools necessary to promote and support student achievement 3. Concentrate great instruction and supports for educators, students, and families in our lowest performing schools to create the conditions needed for improved student achievement 4. Increase dramatically the number of students who graduate from high school ready for college and career <p>These objectives have garnered widespread support: 276 school districts signed on to Massachusetts' Race to the Top proposal (70 percent of the 393 districts eligible to sign). These school districts represent 1,375 schools, 74 percent of K-12 public school enrollment, and 88 percent of students in poverty.</p>	<p>Students and educators in 276 school districts</p>



Program Description	Beneficiaries
<p>Education Jobs Fund – This grant provided an extra \$204 million in aid to provide assistance to states to save or create education jobs for the 2010-2011 school year.</p> <p>School Improvement Grants aim to strengthen State capacity to provide leadership in implementing effective school improvement strategies for local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools that have been identified for improvement, are in corrective action, and are in the restructuring process and (2) providing resources to LEAs to support school improvement activities, including the development and implementation of effective restructuring plans.</p> <p>State Fiscal Stabilization Fund – Education Stabilization Fund monies were expended to maintain the fiscal stability of the K-12 and public higher education systems and provide continued support to teachers, administrators, and staff members in school districts and also at our community colleges, state universities, and the University of Massachusetts campuses. In addition, funds were spent (in accordance with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education) to address infrastructure needs at these institutions. Most importantly, these funds were expended to maintain and enhance students' access to high-quality educational opportunities in K-12 schools and at our public institutions of higher education.</p> <p>Title I, Part A funding improves teaching and learning for students most at risk of failing to meet State academic achievement standards. Grants were awarded to 258 districts that serve 202,166 students who are directly eligible to receive Title I services. Massachusetts has received an additional \$163 million in two types of Title I funding to supplement the \$243 million that the state received in 2009, an increase of 67 percent.</p> <p>Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Part B Pre-School Grants Since the start of the year, grants were awarded to 179 districts that serve 9,000 children who are eligible to receive special education services.</p> <p>Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Part B Grants to States support the provision of special education services to children with disabilities. Grants were awarded to 389 districts that serve approximately 165,000 students who are eligible to receive special education services.</p> <p>Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) assistance benefits youth who received the summer learning vouchers, their parents who retained work as a result of having these vouchers, and the staff members who were employed because their programs received these vouchers.</p> <p>USDA Child Nutrition Recovery Act serves 114 schools in 31 districts, serving a total enrollment of approximately 60,000 students. These funds were used to purchase new food service equipment for the schools. (Completed December 2010).</p> <p>USDA Child Nutrition Programs – Elementary and Secondary Education grants were awarded to four local community food banks that serve approximately 750 local food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the state. (Completed March 2011).</p>	<p>Students and educators in 327 districts</p> <p>12 schools that have been awarded "turnaround grants"</p> <p>Students and educators at all levels statewide – K-12, state universities and community colleges and the University of Massachusetts</p> <p>Students and educators in 258 districts</p> <p>Students and educators in 179 school districts</p> <p>Students and educators in 389 districts</p> <p>24,670</p> <p>Students and educators in 31 districts</p> <p>4 community food banks, serving 750 food pantries</p>



Transportation

Program Description	Beneficiaries
ARRA transportation projects are improving the roadways, transit systems, pedestrian/bike and ferry facilities, throughout each of the Commonwealth's 14 counties. The highway projects include 95 roadway and bridge improvement projects. Improving the transportation system of the Commonwealth impacts the daily life of our citizens as well as providing the essential infrastructure for commerce.	Community-wide

Energy and Environment

Program Description	Beneficiaries
USFS Native Species Ecological Restoration Grant benefits residents of Worcester and Berkshire counties in Massachusetts by detecting and eradicating the destructive Asian Long-horned Beetle and other invasive insect species that destroy trees and other vegetation.	Residents of Worcester and Berkshire counties
State Energy Program aims to provide leadership to maximize the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Massachusetts. The Department of Energy Resources is working to substantially increase solar energy resources in state facilities, as well as to reduce energy waste and increase renewable energy projects across the Commonwealth. This program includes \$8 million in rebates for over 100 private solar projects.	Community-wide
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants will advance clean energy technology and energy efficiency goals at the community level. This will include both funding to assist with energy efficiency projects and to provide technical assistance to municipalities.	Community-wide
The Leaking Underground Storage Tank program will provide Massachusetts with funds for the remediation of known storage tanks buried underground that are or have been compromised and are leaking petroleum into the environment. Leaking tanks pose threats to drinking water and surface water in the immediate area of the tank as well as to the larger surrounding environment as pollution spreads. Communities affected by this grant include Dorchester, Grafton, Holyoke, Lawrence, Malden, Mattapan, Middlefield, Rehoboth, Shutesbury and Wrentham.	Community-wide